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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No. 176/39

Sub. No. 9072

No. 37

Date March 16th, 1939

Subject. Missing British Eurasian - H.C. Davies.

Made by. D.S.J. Black.

Forwarded by

Sir,

At 11 a.m. 16-3-39 a telephone message was received from Mr. D.J. Brown of the Shanghai Gas Co. stating that a discrepancy had been discovered in the accounts kept by Davies.

The undersigned interviewed Mr. Brown and learned that during the yearly audit it was found that a deficit of approximately \$16,000 was found in the books kept by Davies, but as he himself as a ledger clerk never handled any cash they were at present unable to state how the fraud had been perpetrated. Auditors were at present scrutinizing the books to try and find the actual method employed by Davies, and upon learning the system Mr. Brown stated that he would inform this Station adding that it might take two or three days before the actual method employed could be found. Upon receipt of this latter information an F.I.R. will be made out and a detailed report submitted.

D.S.J.
D.S.J.

Gen. Sec. 1/c.

D.D.O. "A".

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Louisa S. B. D. 4076
Station, 3

Date March 10th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Missing British Eurasian - H.C. Davies.

Made by D.S.I. Black.

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Sir,

Enquiries from the Japanese Consulate show that Davies sailed 3rd class on the "Shanghai Maru", and booked a single passage.

Mrs. Davies when interviewed stated that she did not know where he might be going to, and she had no previous knowledge of his intention to depart.

Mr. D.J. Brown of the Gas Co. was informed of the result of enquiries. On the question of debts Mr. Brown stated that Davies had withdrawn about 75% of his Superannuation Fund to pay urgent debts and he knew that he was still heavily involved.

D.S.I. Black.
D.S.I.

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S. B. D. 4076

M.D.O. "A".

P. A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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Louza Station

REPORT

Date March 6th, 1939.

Subject Missing British Eurasian - H.C. Davies.

Made by D.S.I. Black

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Sir,

At 9.30.a.m. 4-3-39, a telephone message was received from Mr. D.J. Brown, Secretary of the Shanghai Gas Co., Yu Ya Ching Road reporting a foreign member of the staff missing.

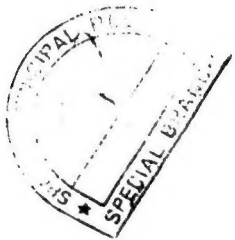
D.S. Wright attended and learned that Mr. Henry Charles Davies a British Eurasian who had been employed by the Company for 25 years as a ledger clerk had failed to report for duty since 28-2-39 and that enquiries from his wife showed he had not returned to his home Apartment 2, 1265 Rue Lafayette since leaving at 8.a.m. 28-2-39.

Enquiries at the Gas Co. showed that Davies left there at 5.p.m. 28-2-39 and has not been seen since.

It was mentioned by Mr. Brown that the missing person was friendly with two other foreigners, Schultz and Forrest who reside in flat 709 Embankment Building, North Soochow Road. As a result of this the two men were interviewed on 5-3-39 but both denied knowledge of his present whereabouts Schultz stated that Davies had promised to meet him at 5.30.p.m. 28-2-39 but had failed to make the appointment.

Mr. Forrest stated that he only knew Davies through the mutual friendship of their respective wives. He volunteered the information that Davies was heavily in debt that he owed his brother-in-law a Mr. Williams who was an Army Contractor resident in Tientsin \$17,000.00.

A shroff employed by the Gas Co. one Tai Hoong



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Man. (X) residing at 81 Alabaster Road was interviewed by detectives. He had been in the habit of loaning Davies money for the past ten years and on 25-2-39 Davies borrowed \$340.00 with a promise that he would return it in about 5 days time but had not returned same.

Enquiries as to the personal habits of Davies show that while taking a drink he was not a heavy drinker, he occasionally went to the Canidrome, he was seen at the latter place on 27-2-39 by Mr. Sadler, another employee of the Gas Co.

Enquiries were made at bars and cabarets in the Settlement and French Concession but the only place where he was known was the "Del Conte" Bar on Bubbling Well Road where he owed a number of chits for drinks supplied.

The doorman of Munn's Cafe, Rue Chu Pao San, when shown the photograph of the missing man stated that he had seen a person very similar, passing the door of the cafe about 2 a.m. 1-3-39, he was not however positive in his identification.

At 5 p.m. 6-3-39, D.S. Hocking (S.B.) telephoned the Station and stated that on perusing shipping lists he found that Mr. H.C. Davies had sailed for Japan via the "Shanghai Maru" on 2-3-39.

Mrs. Davies will be informed of this on 7-3-39 as she was not at home when detectives visited there at 6 p.m. 6-3-39.

W.B. Shuk
D.S.I.

Copy to Special Branch (direct).

[Signature]
Sen. Det. 1st Louza.

~~D.S.I. Div.~~

8 am 5/3/39 to 8 am 6/3/39.

REPORT OF IMPORTANT MESSAGES PASSING THROUGH C. C. R.

- 8.55 am. From R.U.(W). Search parties will move off now.
(Returned at 11.15 am)
- 9.57 am. From L. Anything seen or heard of a British Eurasian
named Henry Charles Davies, an employee of the Gas Co.
Last seen wearing brown jacket brown pullover grey
pants and brown felt hat.
(Circulated)
- 12.45 pm. From French Police. Missing since 3/3/39 a male
American named Patrick Kelly age 33, Ex-service man
U.S.Navy.
(Circulated)
- 7.04 pm. From A.C.(A. & T.R.). Weekly Drill for Chinese Branch
tomorrow is cancelled.
(Circulated)
- 8.41 pm. From EW. At 8.10 pm today 2 men 1 armed with pistol &
with knife entered No.501 Edinburgh Rd and stole property
total value about \$100.00. No shots. No arrests.
Shanghai dialect. (Circulated)
- 10.48 pm. From G. At 8.00 pm today 3 men 1 armed entered No.7
Ss Yang Li off Houan Rd and stole cash \$137.00. No
shots. No arrests. Shanghai dialect.
(Circulated)

For Information :-

Messages received re Japanese
movements on Soochow Creek :- H I L.
10 Ambulance Calls.
3 Fire Calls.

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C.S.6, Special Branch ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date March 6, 1939

Subject (in full) H. C. DAVIES - Reported Missing

Made by D. S. Hocking

Forwarded by

Inspector

With reference to C.C.R. message of 9.57 am. 5.3.39 concerning Henry Charles Davies, British Eurasian reported missing, this man sailed for Nagasaki on 2.3.39 aboard the s/s "Shanghai Maru".



D. S. Hocking

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D. C. (Special Branch)

Sen. Dir. Longa informed

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